

Washington, DC — Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore.) today congratulated the City of Portland, TriMet and Bechtel Corporation for receiving an award from the U.S. Conference of Mayors for its outstanding public-private partnership in building the Airport MAX line. The award was announced during the U.S. Conference of Mayors Winter Meeting in Washington, DC.

“I congratulate Bechtel, TriMet and the City of Portland for their innovation and for showing the nation what is possible when engaging the private sector and embracing new ideas,” said Blumenauer.

The Airport MAX project was one of two to receive an “Excellence Award” from the Conference. Five other cities also received “Outstanding Achievement Awards.” The Mayors Business Council established the awards to encourage businesses and cities to work together to improve local communities. An independent panel of judges was appointed to review the submissions. Criteria for the awards included: improvement in delivery of services, replicability, sustainability, cost savings, creativity of approach, benefits to both public and private partners, economic and business benefits and measurable results.